



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-EXAMINING
GROUP 2653

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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Takashi NIWA et al. :
Serial No. 09/872,800 : Group Art Unit: 2653
Filed: June 1, 2001 : Examiner: Thang V. Tran
For: METHOD FOR FORMING OPTICAL :
APERTURE, NEAR-FIELD :
OPTICAL HEAD, METHOD FOR :
FABRICATING NEAR-FIELD :
OPTICAL HEAD, AND :
INFORMATION RECORDING/ :
READING APPARATUS (As :
Amended) : Docket No.. S004-4309

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
UNDER RULE 116**

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In response to the Office Action dated August 11,
2005, applicants amend their application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required in
connection with this amendment after final; however, should it
be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given
to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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